# Chief of the Year criteria

The Fire Chief of the Year Award recognizes those Chiefs and Ex-Chiefs whose actions have gone beyond the call of duty. The Chief of the year award is presented by the Suffolk County Fire Chiefs Council to a Chief or Ex-Chief who has given selflessly of themselves in support of their department, the fire service in general and the community. Nominations shall be submitted to recognize Chiefs for their performance in either of but are not limited to the below listed categories:

• **Emergency Response**: The nominated Chief or Ex-Chief has taken part in a fire incident with the rescue of victims or incidents involving hazardous materials, vehicle extrication and rescue, rescue from heights or depth, confined space rescue, water, or ice rescue which brought forth a positive outcome of the incident.

• **Dedication**: The nominated Chief has showed the highest degree of dedication, participation, leadership, and contributions within his/her fire department and to the fire service at a state, County, or regional level, including training, fire response, public education, community service or other innovative programs or actions taken to better the fire service community